

# Hamilo Coast renews partnership with WWF

**OLIVE Ridley Sea Turtle hatchlings are immediately released to the ocean as part of Hamilo Coast's Marine Turtle Conservation Program.**



HAMILO COAST recently renewed its partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines (WWF), as it continues its campaign to protect and preserve its picturesque sanctuary located in Nasugbu, Batangas.

Hamilo Coast in a statement said it will continue "to expand and enhance the scope of its sustainability initiatives" with WWF.

Since 2007, these initiatives have included coastal resource management, ridge-to-reef management, solid waste management, mangrove reforestation, the use of renewable energy sources, and environmental awareness.

Hamilo Coast is a 40-hectare premier leisure resort complex that is developed by Costa Del Hamilo, Inc. (CDHI), a subsidiary of SM Prime Holdings Corp.

"Hamilo Coast has always made an effort to preserve our marine resources, as it is not only a responsibility but a privilege to do so. Our partnership with WWF manifests our resolve to ensure that our community remains a safe haven for marine life, and that we continue to be a model for sustainable coastal development in the Philippines," Imee G. Francisco, SM Prime vice-president and head of CDHI projects and operations, said in a statement.

Hamilo Coast has conducted several marine and environmental activities in partnership with the local government and non-government organizations.

It partnered with the University of the Philippines Bolinao Marine Lab, which provides training in the culture and ocean rearing of giant clams through the Giant Clams Restocking and Spawning Program.

As Hamilo Coast's beach fronts as favorite nesting grounds of Olive Ridley Turtles, the community regularly implements the Marine Turtle Conservation Program.

Hamilo Coast also continues to hold the annual Coastal Clean-Up Program.

"As we strive to create a more sustainable future, we are proud of what we have accomplished and continue to do here at Hamilo Coast," Ms. Francisco relates. "While we are very excited to do even more to preserve our aquatic biodiversity, we hope that we may also inspire other communities to do the same."

Hamilo Coast is only an hour and a half commute from Mall of Asia via the Cavite Expressway and Ternate-Nasugbu road. It is a masterplanned community that features the idyllic Pico De Loro Cove.

## IWG expands in Subic, Quezon City

IWG continues to expand in the Philippines, opening two new flexible workspaces in Subic Bay Freeport Zone and Quezon City.

IWG in a statement said it partnered with Pacific Ace Subic Bay Corp. for its first-ever flexible workspace in Subic. The Gardens by Pacific Ace will host a 147-workstation Regus workspace.

At the same time, the company partnered with Triumph Spaces, Inc. for the Quezon City location, under the HQ brand.

"As important business hubs, the Subic Bay Freeport and Quezon City are fantastic places for us to boost our expansion plans. The need for high-quality flexible workspaces continues to soar as hybrid working becomes the new normal," Lars Wittig, IWG country manager, said.

The Subic and Quezon City sites will have co-working spaces, private offices, meeting rooms and creative spaces catering to startups and established firms.

"Subic is one of Central Luzon region's fastest growing locations

with a 60.8% increase in foreign investments in the area from 2021 to 2022. These figures are impressive considering the pandemic-related restrictions during that time, so we expect even more growth and more workspace demand this year," Pacific Ace Subic Bay President Virginia S. Dio said in the same statement.

IWG is the global leader in hybrid work solutions and workspace brands, which includes Regus, Spaces, HQ and Signature.

DMCI HOMES is expanding its Mulberry Place condominium project in Acacia Estates, Taguig City.

## DMCI Homes launches 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Mulberry Place condo project

DMCI HOMES recently launched the second phase of its Mulberry Place condominium project in Acacia Estates, Taguig City.

Mulberry Place will have two new buildings, the six-storey Paisley and 18-storey Shantung. It will have units with two to four bedrooms, with sizes from 64.5 square meters (sq.m.) to 160 sq.m.

Units at the Shantung building will have a balcony, while the Paisley building will have a balcony and service area. Unit prices start at P8.372 million.

"Acacia Estates continues to live up to our vision when we launched it over a decade ago — to be a sanctuary for young professionals and startup families who are exposed to the hustle and bustle of the city," Dennis

Yap, DMCI Homes vice-president for project development, said in a statement.

Acacia Estates was launched in the mid-2000s as a gated community with themed condominiums and subdivisions.

"The sales success of all our Acacia Estates projects indicates the realization of this vision which we hope to continue with Mulberry Place's second phase," he added.

With the Mulberry Place expansion, DMCI Homes will offer more resort-inspired amenities such as a kiddie pool, basketball court, play and fitness area, picnic area, Sky Lounge and a coworking space.

DMCI Homes said the Paisley building is targeted to be completed by October 2026 and the Shantung building by June 2027.

## Palafox named chairman of 49<sup>th</sup> Philippine Business Conference

ARCHITECT Felino A. Palafox, Jr. will be the chairman of the 49<sup>th</sup> Philippine Business Conference and Expo (PBC&E) which will be held in October, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) said.

In a statement on Sunday, the PCCI said that Mr. Palafox will lead the annual business event that gathers policymakers, business leaders, diplomats, academe, and micro, small, and medium enterprises to discuss issues and create policy recommendations that will help create

a sustainable and resilient business environment.

The 49<sup>th</sup> PBC&E will have the theme "Vision 2050: The Philippines — A First World Economy." It will be held from Oct. 25 to 26 at the Manila Hotel in Manila City.

"I am deeply honored for the trust of my colleagues in PCCI to lead this conference. I know the task ahead will be daunting, but everything will become easy with their support and guidance. I will definitely make this conference worth remembering," Mr. Palafox said.

Mr. Palafox, an architect and urban planner, currently is the PCCI's vice-president for Trade Mission and director of the Environment and Climate Change, Infrastructure, and Construction committee.

He also leads and manages the Palafox Associates and Palafox Architecture Group, Inc. and was a former president of the Management Association of the Philippines and past chairman and president of the National Real Estate Association. —

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# BDO

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Dear Stockholder:

Please be informed that the Annual Stockholders' Meeting ("ASM") of **BDO UNIBANK, INC.** ("BDO" or the "Bank") will be held on **April 19, 2023**, Wednesday, at **two o'clock in the afternoon**. The ASM will be conducted in hybrid format (a combination of in-person and remote attendance) and voting by BDO stockholders of record ("Stockholders") will solely be *in absentia* through a secure online voting facility. The in-person meeting will be held at Forbes Ballroom, Third Floor, Conrad Manila, Seaside Boulevard corner Coral Way, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City, and will be livestreamed for stockholders participating remotely.

The agenda of the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Proof of notice and determination of existence of quorum
3. Approval of the minutes of the previous Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on April 22, 2022
4. Report of the President and approval of the Audited Financial Statements of BDO as of December 31, 2022
5. Open Forum
6. Approval and Ratification of all Acts of the Board of Directors, Board Committees and Management during their terms of office
7. Election of Directors
8. Appointment of External Auditor
9. Other business that may properly be brought before the meeting
10. Adjournment

Each agenda item for approval is explained in the Information Statement, with a brief description in the attached Annex "A." The Bank's Dividend Policy Statement is likewise stated in Annex "A" for your information and guidance.

The Bank's Board of Directors has fixed **February 24, 2023** as the record date for the determination of Stockholders entitled to notice of, to participate, and to vote *in absentia* at such meeting and any adjournment thereof.

Stockholders who wish to participate in the meeting, whether in-person or remotely, must register at the BDO 2023 ASM website <[www.bdo.com.ph/2023asmregister](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2023asmregister)> and upload supporting documents listed therein on or before **April 14, 2023**. All documents submitted will be subject to verification and validation by the Corporate Secretary.

In addition to the above, Stockholders who wish to attend in-person must email the Corporate Secretary at <[corporate\\_secretary@bdo.com.ph](mailto:corporate_secretary@bdo.com.ph)> to be counted for in-person attendance. Kindly note that in observance of Covid-19 protocols, in-person attendance will be limited to the first one hundred (100) fully-vaccinated Stockholders who registered via email as set forth above.

Stockholders who wish to appoint a proxy must submit their duly accomplished and signed proxies no later than **March 31, 2023** to the Office of the Corporate Secretary at the 21st Floor, BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas, Salcedo Village, Makati City via courier delivery or by email to <[corporate\\_secretary@bdo.com.ph](mailto:corporate_secretary@bdo.com.ph)>. Validation of proxies is set on **April 5, 2023**, at **10:00 o'clock a.m.**, at the Office of the Corporate Secretary. Stockholders may download and print the proxy form from BDO's website <[www.bdo.com.ph/2023proxyform](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2023proxyform)>.

Successfully registered Stockholders can then cast their votes *in absentia* through the Bank's secure online voting facility and will be provided access to the livestreaming of the ASM. For the detailed registration and voting procedures, please refer to the "Guidelines for Registering, Participating via Remote Communication and In-Person, and Voting in Absentia" appended to the Information Statement posted on the Bank's website <[www.bdo.com.ph/2023ASM](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2023ASM)> and PSE EDGE.

The procedure for nomination and election of directors is detailed in the Information Statement posted on the Bank's website <[www.bdo.com.ph/2023DIS](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2023DIS)> and PSE EDGE.

For complete information on the Bank's 2023 ASM, please visit <[www.bdo.com.ph/2023ASM](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2023ASM)>.

  
EDMUNDO L. TAN  
Corporate Secretary

# BDO

### ANNEX "A"

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Call to order.** The Chairperson, Ms. Teresita T. Sy, will formally open the 2023 Annual Stockholders' Meeting (ASM) of BDO Unibank, Inc. ("BDO" or the "Bank").
2. **Proof of notice and determination of existence of quorum.** The Corporate Secretary, Atty. Edmundo L. Tan, will certify that notice requirements for the 2023 ASM have been complied with in accordance with BDO's By-Laws, Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines, and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations, and will attest whether a quorum is present for the valid transaction of the ASM and all matters included in the Agenda.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on April 22, 2022.** Copies of the Minutes are available for examination during office hours at the Office of the Corporate Secretary and at BDO's website <[www.bdo.com.ph/2022ASMminutes](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2022ASMminutes)>. Stockholders will be asked to approve the Minutes. Below is the text of the proposed resolution:  
  
"RESOLVED, That the Stockholders of BDO Unibank, Inc. approve, as they hereby approve, the Minutes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on April 22, 2022."
4. **President's Report and approval of BDO's Audited Financial Statements (AFS) as of December 31, 2022.** The Report presents the highlights of the performance and achievements of BDO in 2022. It includes the summary of the AFS which is incorporated in the Information Statement posted on the Bank's website <[www.bdo.com.ph/2023DIS](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2023DIS)>. Copies of the AFS are also submitted to the SEC and Bureau of Internal Revenue.
5. **Open Forum.** Every stockholder may raise any relevant question or express any appropriate comment. Stockholders are given the opportunity to send their questions and/or remarks prior to the meeting by sending an email to <[irandcorplan@bdo.com.ph](mailto:irandcorplan@bdo.com.ph)> not later than 2:00 p.m. of April 19, 2023. Questions which cannot be read and answered during the meeting will be replied to by BDO through the stockholders' email addresses.
6. **Approval and Ratification of all Acts of the Board of Directors, Board Committees and Management during their terms of office.** All actions and proceedings, criteria and process for the Board of Directors' evaluation as published in BDO's website, including approvals of significant related parties' transactions, of the Board of Directors, the Board Committees, and the Management of BDO from the last Annual Stockholders' Meeting of BDO held on April 22, 2022 will be presented to the stockholders for their approval and ratification. These collective actions are the main keys to the Bank's performance in 2022.
7. **Election of Directors.** The Chairman of the Nominations Committee will present to the stockholders the nominees for election as members of the Board of Directors of BDO, including the independent directors. The profiles of the nominees to the Board of Directors are provided in the Information Statement posted on the Bank's website <[www.bdo.com.ph/2023DIS](http://www.bdo.com.ph/2023DIS)> for reference of the stockholders.
8. **Appointment of External Auditor.** The Board Audit Committee of BDO will accept and screen the nominees for external auditor of BDO. It will make the appropriate recommendation on the appointment of one auditing firm as external auditor of BDO. The recommended external auditor will be presented to the stockholders for their approval.
9. **Other business that may properly be brought before the meeting.** All other matters that arise after the Notice of Meeting and Agenda have been sent out or raised throughout the course of the meeting may be presented to the stockholders for consideration. Stockholders may raise such matters as may be relevant or appropriate to the occasion.
10. **Adjournment.** After consideration of all business, the Chairperson shall declare the meeting adjourned. This formally ends the 2023 Annual Stockholders' Meeting of BDO.

### BDO DIVIDEND POLICY STATEMENT

BDO recognizes the importance of providing a stable and sustainable dividend stream consistent with its commitment to stockholders. Since December 2013, the Bank has been paying regular cash dividends of Php 0.30 per quarter, or an annual equivalent of Php 1.20 per share. On February 24, 2023, the Board approved an increase in the regular quarterly cash dividends on common shares of BDO to Php 0.75 per share, or an annual equivalent of Php 3.00 per share, beginning on the 1st Quarter of 2023. This will be the new dividend policy of BDO going forward.

The Board of Directors may, at its discretion and depending on the business results for the year and capital needs of the business, declare and approve the distribution of additional special dividends to all stockholders normally announced at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

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